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## Minutes 01/24/2011

**TOWN OF ARLINGTON**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 24, 2011**  
**7:15 p.m.**

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Hurd, and Ms. Rowe.  
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan.

### FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Hurd was not present at this time.

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
  - a. Minutes of Meetings: January 10, 2011  
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (3-0-1)  
 Mr. Greeley abstained.
  - b. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License; 2/10/11, @ Pleasant Street Congregational Church, "Noam Chomsky & Phyllis Bennis in Conversation"  
 Emily Snyder, Arlington United for Justice with Peace  
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Hurd was not present at this time.

Ms. LaCourt recused herself from this agenda item.

7. Vote: Special Town Election (Selectmen Hurd's Resignation)  
 Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Ms. Rowe moved to call a Special Town election (to be put on the annual Town ballot) for the Office of Selectmen for one (1) year to fill vacancy. SO VOTED (3-0)

Mr. Greeley left at this time.

### 2. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

The following matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

The following people came to report snow removal issues:

Jim Bond, 102 Mount Vernon St., Doc Robinson, 95 Valentine Rd., Chad Gibson, 35 Varnum St., Paulo Marinelli, Brooks Ave.

Concerns included cleaning out fire hydrants, sidewalks, curb cuts (cleaning out and widening), streets need widening, and snow removal near Alewife.

The Selectmen and Town Manager unanimously responded that due to the magnitude and weekly pattern of the snow storms the 19 Public Works employees and outside contractors were doing the best job possible, but will continue to deal with "hot spots" as identified.

Charles Maher, 157 Medford Street, asked for clarification that the Town of Arlington is not involved in a personal legal issue of his. The matter was referred to the Town Manager and Town counsel for clarification.

Mr. Hurd arrived at this time.

## TRAFFIC RULES &amp; ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

3. For Approval: Corporal Peter V. Carlini Square  
 Alexander J. Salipante, Chair, Public Memorials Committee  
 Ms. LaCourt moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

4. Vote: Transportation Advisory Committee  
 Ed Starr, Co-Chair, TAC

- a) Recommendations to Improve Safety, Crosswalk @ Massachusetts Avenue and Water Street  
 · Six month trial of right-turn only from Spengler Way to Mass Ave and concurrent six month trial of right-turn only from Water Street to Mass Ave with signage.  
 · Add signage "Do Not Block Intersection" for eastbound Mass Ave traffic.  
 · Move advance yield markings to at least 14 ft from crosswalk both east and west.  
 · On the eastbound approach of Mass Ave to Spengler Way, post no parking within 40' of the crosswalk. This will require the removal of one space.

Ms. Rowe moved approval and asked that it be done quickly, with a report back in July 2011. SO VOTED (4-0)

- b) Crosswalk @ Herbert Road and Magnolia Street  
 · Installation of "No Parking Here to Corner" signs on the northeast side of Herbert Road 20 feet before and after Magnolia Street to provide increased visibility for the crosswalk.  
 · Installation of pedestrian warning signs at the crosswalk on each approach of Herbert Rd; signs to be MUTCD W112 with W16-7P plaque (downward pointing arrow).

Mr. Hurd moved approval and included that action be taken on prior vote for this area also. SO VOTED (4-0)

Ms. Rowe recused herself from this agenda item.

5. Approval: Recommended Decision on Petition for Removal of Dog, 'Tanna', owned by Marjorie Delaney  
 Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Ms. Rice explained the hearing results and recommendations.

Mr. Guterman/Sophia's owner commented that the conclusions and recommendation conflicted with each other. He asked that if safety from the dog can't be guaranteed 100%, then why can the dog be allowed to stay in Town?

Ms. Rice explained that the recommendations were made after research by the dog officer and a public hearing.

Mr. Hurd moved approval of the recommendations adding the following conditions:

- 1) requested a follow-up report on compliance within 3 months, and
- 2) add extra security on garage escapes i.e. electric fence etc.

SO VOTED (3-0)

6. Discussion: Re-Precincting  
 Clarissa Rowe, Selectmen  
 Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Ms. Rowe reported the committee will be getting together to discuss changes within the next couple of weeks and report back at a future meeting.

Mr. Hurd moved to receive the report. SO VOTED (4-0)

## Correspondence Received

Joel Higginson Crossing Signals Be Rec'd  
 433 Summer Street

Mr. Sullivan reported that Mr. Rademacher, Public Works Director, will be meeting with the neighbors to go over solutions.

Louis Shagnon Temporary Parking Permits Be Rec'd  
 2 Fayette Park  
 Cambridge, MA 02139

Ms. Rowe moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (3-0)

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan suggested that the next Budget Revenue Task Force meeting be at 6:00 p.m. on February 7, 2011. All legislators will be invited and the meeting may be changed if no one can attend. The Selectmen should email to Mr. Sullivan all topics to be included on the agenda.

Mr. Sullivan commented that he is very disappointed in cuts to local aid. He further reported Governor Patrick will be filing legislation to provide cities and towns with the tools to reign in municipal health insurance costs-the proposals will allow municipalities to require expedited collective bargaining to negotiate a new health insurance benefit plan that is equivalent in cost to the state's health insurance benefits offered through GIC. Mrs. Mahon and Ms. Rowe expressed concern over equalizing pay to any benefits changes that occur.

Mr. Sullivan requested the Board vote on restricted parking to one side of the road in East Arlington. He confirmed an alert notice and message posted would be sent over the web.

Ms. Rowe moved approval of restricted parking and has notice sent to the Selectmen's Office.

SO VOTED (3-0)

Mr. Hurd expressed thanks to the Town Manager on his great choice of Michael Rademacher as Public Works Director.

Mr. Hurd also stated his resignation as Selectmen effective April 1, 2011 in order to run for Town Clerk.

Mrs. Mahon requested that Mr. Sullivan provide for the next Selectmen's packet: any available MMA material and the draft from the Audit Meeting on the recommendations agreed upon.

Mrs. Mahon asked the office to contact Verizon re: the double pole report and policy from Mr. Callahan of Verizon.

Mrs. Mahon also announced that Mr. Skidmore, AHS Principal, is retiring and wished him well.

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

SO VOTED (3-0)

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan  
Selectmen's Office

Next meeting of BoS February 7, 2011.